



**Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center**  
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Dear Veteran,

The Chillicothe VA Medical Center is committed to maintaining a safe and clean environment that promotes the health of all Veterans, employees and visitors to the main campus and our Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs).

Effective October 1, 2018, we are updating the medical center smoking and tobacco policy. This policy covers cigarettes, cigars, tobacco pipes, water pipes, smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco and snuff.

Two authorized tobacco-use shelters will remain on campus for use by patients and visitors of the medical center. These shelters can be found outside Building 30 and Building 35 and will be clearly marked. Use of tobacco products will not be allowed elsewhere on campus. Patients and visitors at the CBOCs who use tobacco products must be 35 feet or further from the building.

Residents in residential treatment programs and the Community Living Center will have access to the designated smoking areas if they are able to do so safely on their own. Staff members are not permitted to escort Veterans to tobacco-use areas. Use of tobacco products while using oxygen is strictly prohibited.

The VA offers tobacco treatment services and resources for Veterans which includes a toll-free telephone tobacco quit line, 1-855-Quit-VET, a mobile text message smoking cessation service, SmokefreeVET, and MyHealtheVet. If you would like more information about tobacco treatment services, please contact your Primary Care Team.

Thank you for serving our country and allowing us to care for you.

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